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REMARKS

I. Present Status of the Application

It is noted with great appreciation that the Office Action has admitted the allowance

of claims 16-20 over the prior art made of record. The Examiner has also kindly pointed

out the allowable subject matter contained therein, for which courtesy, the Examiner is

thanked.

The Office Action has rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as

failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

The Office Action has rejected claims 9, 10 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being

anticipated by Roecks et al. (US 4,286,201).

The Office Action has rejected claims 1-4, 7-11, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as

being obvious over Huang et al. (US 2002/0197136).

The Office Action has rejected claims 5 and 15 as being obvious over Huang et al.

(US 2002/0197136) in view of Oosawa et al. (US 5,340,261).

The Office Action has rejected claims 6 and 12 as being obvious over Huang et al.

(US 2002/0197136) in view of Beckhart et al. (US 6,307,211).

In response thereto, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-15. After entry of the

proposed amendments, it is submitted that the presently pending claims are placed in

proper condition for allowance. Hence, favorable reconsideration of the present

application is hereby courteously solicited.

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## **CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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